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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PAK TO PRESIDENT FORD ON ROK UN
MEMBERSHIP

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1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF LETTER
BEING SENT BY PRESIDENT PAK TO PRESIDENT FORD URGING US
SUPPORT FOR LINKAGE OF ROK AND VIETNAMESE UN MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS. (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT: EXCELLENCY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATIONS
RECENTLY FILED BY SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE UNITED NATIONS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE
LONG PENDING QUESTION OF ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS WELL AWARE, THE APPLICATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR MEMBERSHIP WAS CONSIDERED BY
THE SECURITY COUNCIL FIRST IN 1949, THEN IN 1955, 1957 AND 1958.
ON EACH OCCASION, HOWEVER, THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA INTO THE WORLD ORGANIZATION WAS NOT REALIZED, DESPITE
A MAJORITY SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
DUE TO THE VETO EXERCISED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

HAVING GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE RECENT
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DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND THE KOREAN PENINSULA, I
PROPOSED IN MY SPECIAL STATEMENT ON THE NEW
FOREIGN POLICY ON JUNE 23, 1973 THAT BOTH THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA AND NORTH KOREA BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE

UNITED NATIONS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING UNIFICATION, A
REALISTIC STEP TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE PEACE IN THIS AREA AND
HELP CREATE FOUNDATION FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.
THIS POLICY HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
GOVERNMENT AND ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT OF A MAJORITY OF THE STATES
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEING EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THE
APPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL
TAKE UP AT THE SAME TIME THE PENDING APPLICATIONS OF BOTH
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND NORTH KOREA TO ALLOW THEM TO
ENTER THE WORLD ORGANIZATION OR, IF NORTH KOREA CONTINUES
TO OPPOSE ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ADMIT
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALONE INTO THE ORGANIZATION WHILE
OPENING THE DOOR TO NORTH KOREA FOR ITS ADMISSION.

IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE ADMISSION OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE ITS STRONG WISH KNOWN TO THE OTHER
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THE
APPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH
BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE OF SOUTH
AND NORTH KOREA AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS FIRM INTENTION TO
OPPOSE THE ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS UNLESS THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA IS ALSO ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY GOVERNMENT HAS STRONG
RESERVATION ON WHETHER THE TWO VIETNAMESE APPLICATIONS
ARE FULLY QUALIFIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CONFORMITY WITH THE
UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAS
NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM
AND THAT BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM OVERTHREW THE LAWFUL
GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON BY FORCE IN VIOLATION OF THE PARIS
AGREEMENT.

IN OUR VIEW, THE DUAL MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH AND NORTH
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KOREA IN THE UNITED NATIONS NOT ONLY CONFORMS WITH
THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY BUT ALSO HAS IMPORTANT BEARING
ON THE PREVENTION OF RENEWED WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A DURABLE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. I THEREFORE
WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST RESPECTFULLY
THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WOULD RENDER FULL
SUPPORT TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT
IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF
KOREA AS WELL AS THE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION
AS A WHOLE.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

/SIGNED/ PARK CHUNG HEE.
SNEIDER

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